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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY DELEGATION TO
ISRAEL

1. IDF CHIEF OF FOREIGN LIAISON (COL REUTER) CALLED EMBASSY (DAO) AUGUST 21 AND ASKED FOR EMBASSY/DAO COMMENTS ON PROPOSED VISIT TO ISRAEL BY GROUP OF 12 STAFF MEMBERS FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE. VISIT IS PROPOSED FOR EARLY SEPT 1973, LASTING 4-5 DAYS. DELEGATION TO BE RECEIVED BY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS AND TO VISIT MILITARY INDUSTRIES, BASES, ETC. TO GET AN IMPRESSION OF COUNTRY.

2. EMBASSY SUSPECTS ISRAELIS WILL GIVE VISIT MAXIMUM PUBLICITY, HOPING INTER ALIA TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH GVN AND AT SAME TIME REDUCE CURRENT GVN PROCLIVITY TO SEEK ARAB POLITICAL SUPPORT (PARIS 22038). ISRAELIS NO DOUBT SEE DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT GVN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL PER GOI-GVN AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 1972 AS WARNING SIGN OF SAIGON REASSESSMENT OF ITS MIDDLE EAST POSTURE, WHICH VISIT OF THIS KIND COULD HELP DETER.

3. REUTER REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ANSWER WITHIN TWO DAYS.
SINCE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, WOULD
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